

WASHINGTON'S SOCIETY CIRCLE

Pleasures of the Lenten Season at the National Capital.

'QUIET' EVENINGS AT HOME.

Society Women Sign Their Names in Full to Personal Notes and Business Letters—Personal Mention of the Smart Set.

Washington society sobers down a degree or two as the Lenten days pass by. Instructive readings have occupied the mornings, dainty luncheons break the monotony of the day, and gorgeous dinner parties occupy the evenings.

The most noted dinner of the week was that tendered the President and Mrs. McKinley on Monday night by the Secretary of Agriculture and Miss Wilson. It was the last of the State dinners, and was attended by every member of the Cabinet.

A welcome addition to the diplomatic corps is Baron A. F. de Govers, the new Minister from the Netherlands. The baron is young, unmarried and possessed of a large fortune. He should prove attractive from the debutante standpoint. On his mother's side, an American, another valuable consideration in social circles, his eligibility in the matrimonial line.

Perhaps if England has one or two more South African wars, we will find our American English-loving men and women of means and leisure flocking abroad to enjoy breathing the same atmosphere with the Queen. By the way, we can look for the shamrock to become popular this season, as her Majesty has sent forth an order obliging all her troops to display that emblem on St. Patrick's Day.

The Lotus Club of New York City celebrated its thirteenth anniversary on Saturday last by giving a dinner to the Gridiron Club of Washington. The Gridiron Club took its name from the custom of broiling or grilling the unfortunate orators who address it, in the style of the Clover Club of Philadelphia. Between the veteran chefs there was expert broiling and defying the speakers of the dinner.

There is much talk about the presence of a social highwayman in the very heart of the Philadelphia elite. The mysterious loss and equally peculiar return of a cassimere and velvet frock, and a diamond necklace, belonging to Mrs. T. H. Andrews, the disappearance of a diamond crescent, belonging to a prominent society girl, and a much-admired pearl necklace, the property of another, furnish food for much speculation as to the identity of the thief.

The German Ambassador has been attached to the legation of the Argentine Republic of this city as its naval agent. Mrs. Atwell is the fourth American lady in the diplomatic corps at Washington, the others being the Duchess of Arcos, wife of the Spanish Minister, formerly Miss Virginia Lowery; Madame de Wollant, wife of the first secretary of the Russian Embassy, who was Miss Edith Threlkeld; and Mrs. Moore, of New York, who married a few months ago the military attaché of the British Embassy.

The German Ambassador has issued invitations for a grand reception and dinner to be given on the 21st, from 3 till 11 o'clock. Madame Hengemüller will act as the hostess on this occasion. Baron Speck von Sternburg, first secretary of the German Embassy, will lead the cotillon.

John B. Henderson was the hostess at Boundary Castle at a reading on American art, given by Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth. The guests were seated in the large ball-room and the adjoining reception-room.

The Grand Opera, Memphis, closed with a fancy dress ball at the Chickasaw Club, and popular George Cunningham scored another artistic and social triumph for that noted association. The costumes were handsome and appropriate. A social highwayman, who was in the city next May, at a grand naval and military ball at the Auditorium. Mr. Hohart C. Chaffield-Taylor has, on account of his superior knowledge of the proper way to execute every detail involved in a society function of such magnitude, been selected to head the ball committee.

THE SOCIAL SET.

The Austrian Minister and the Baroness de Hengemüller entertained the handsomest dinners of the season Monday night, in honor of the British Ambassador and Lady Pauncefoot. The table was beautifully decorated with the noble flowers and black ribbons, the Austrian colors.

Misses Hay, daughters of the Secretary of State, who have been at Fort Springs for a short stay, will return to Washington this week.

Mrs. Charles Emory Smith, wife of the Postmaster General, is recuperating at Atlantic City.

Miss Will Allen Drummond, the talented Tennessee writer, who has been spending the winter at the Capital, left Sunday for a sojourn in Texas.

A woman of foreign birth and education, who had come to stay in Washington, has been speaking to me of the way American women sign their names to the various letters they write.

"I have had many notes from Washington women," she says. "Some of the notes have been of a semi-business character, and all have been from women I am but slightly acquainted with. My husband has had many notes, too, and to all of those we have received the return of the world, and especially to persons to whom she writes business letters, she is S. B. Jones, with Mrs. or M. in parenthesis before it.

"It is just a little bit of reserve which you have not in America. Here a lady signs a note to her grocer, for example, by her full name. With us that fact would indicate that the grocer was a friend. With you it means nothing, but I think it a pity that you do not follow our custom, for you have no way of indicating by your signature your degree of intimacy with the person to whom you write."

FAINTED IN COURT.

An Englishman Who Declares Citizenship Soon Loses His Vote.

NEWCASTLE, VA., March 15.—Special. Craig County Court met last week under an unusual attendance. The village was full of people, one chief reason being so many indictments against men for selling whisky in the town and community without license.

John Mathews, a young man who was arrested for assault on a woman, was shot down, with which he shot him in the back of the head a flesh wound was so

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overcome with horror at having so nearly been a murderer, that he fainted in the court-house upon hearing his sentence last court, but this time his physician gave him a stimulating potion, and his lawyer, who had been committed to one month in jail, and he didn't exactly faint in court, but tried to.

The evidence showed that three or four young men were on their way home from some unroofed mountain still—all of them intoxicated. One of them went a few steps ahead of the others and John Matthews took deliberate aim at him and fired at the back of his head. He narrowly missed.

George Tripp, an Englishman, was tried for stabbing Walter Taylor, and so incurring his arrest as to render it useless. Walter Taylor, aged seventeen, made the assault on Tripp and while choking him received the wound. Tripp is an inoffensive, law-abiding citizen, well educated—a graduate from King William College in Maryland—and has been a good citizen. He had some words with Taylor's mother and when the boy came home the woman sent him to thrash the Englishman. He, living next door, watched his opportunity, and when Tripp stooped down by his hog-pen to gently persuade a cornucopia of pork to take notice of the boy came up behind him and took a vicious grip of his throat.

He says he was being choked to death in his own door-yard, with his infant son standing as the only witness. He drew his pocket-knife and cut the assassin's arm so that he loosed his hold on the unfortunate Adam's apple. Taylor was badly stabbed and secured the first warrant.

At the trial this week, while the evidence was wholly damaging to Taylor from a technical standpoint, although he would seem to have had provocation in the defense of his mother, Tripp made a mistake in the cross-examination and contradicted his plea for self-defense.

He was sent to jail and got a fine of fifty dollars and costs.

This makes the game worth a hundred dollars, because the loss of franchise, which he seems to feel worse than anything else—since he only resigned his allegiance to the Queen last fall, and secured the right to vote, so as to vote for free silver.

Some indignation is expressed at this sentence, and public feeling of the best citizens is with Tripp.

Mrs. Whitehead's Condition.

Mrs. D. G. Whitehead was slightly improved yesterday.

She is still unable to speak, but her mind is perfectly clear, and her friends and family feel encouraged.

March 17, 1900.

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PROMPT AS USUAL.

Richmond, Va., March 16, 1900.

S. Galeski, Esq., Supreme Secretary American Guild, Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir,—On the 13th instant I was bereft by death of my husband, Lafayette J. Galeski, who was a member of the American Guild.

Proofs of death were forwarded to the Supreme Chapter on the 14th, and I have this day received a check from the American Guild for the full amount, notwithstanding the fact that under the terms of the contract the claim was not due for ninety days. The promptness with which the claim was paid speaks highly of the methods of the Guild.

Thanking you for prompt settlement, I remain,

Very respectfully,

MRS. FANNIE D. CARNEAL.

JUSTICE JOHN IS DISAGREEABLE

After People Who Have Failed to Pay Licenses.

HE WAS WEARING OF THE GREEN

The Open Door in China Policy Did Not Reckon With the Small Boy and the Rock—Hop Lee Displays Some Fine Generalship.

The question of license or no license is daily growing in importance in the Police Court. All licenses were due the first of February and many are unpaid.

When you are summoned come with plenty of money or the license receipt in your inside pocket. It may be a hack you haven't paid on, but before you get through the Great Dispenser will ask you about your dog. Oh, he's a very disagreeable man—to those who don't pay their licenses.

Justice John came in the Big White Chamber yesterday morning, walking hard as a new recruit in his first uniform, his heels ringing on the granolithic carpet as merrily as the pretty McNulty sisters' on the slate blocks at the Bijou, his step of pride being caused by the green rosette on his coat, pinned there by his admiring friend, Colonel John Murphy.

INTERNATIONAL QUESTION. An open door in China is strictly an American institution, but so is a boy with a rock in his hand, and though this great country has departed that it must stay open, it failed to reckon with the small boy and the rock.

The Great Dispenser has taken the Celestial Kingdom within the sphere of his influence, and though he loves a boy better than a nigger, does watermelon, and would rather eat cold waffles for breakfast than to punish one of these future mayors or councilmen of Richmond, the Great Law-Giver has declared that the open door in China shall be used to stimulate trade, and not to take the life of a poor fellow for the sake of the small boy and the larger negro.

Hop Lee keeps a laundry on Church Hill Avenue, and if anybody, by accident or intention, hurls a rock into Hop Lee's place, he gets excited, and hops out, and does that crazy, quite a diversion.

Things were dull on Church Hill Avenue, and Hop Lee was stagnant with plodding work, and stood in full view of the street, his door wide open, his shoulders humped up, to give weight to the iron that has no poppet, and his short stubby hair outside of the circle of his pig-tail waving the air like an agitated dusting-brush, when Willie Ammons came along.

By a strange fatality, a nice, round stone lay in the street, where stones are not wont to hang.

There was the stone, and there the Chinaman, and there the rock.

And then a stranger, stronger fatality took place—the Chinaman stepped back into the recesses of his pagoda.

The boy, who was waiting for the net, in the second round stone passed into Hop Lee's door, and crumpled and ricocheted all over the place.

But the wily celestial was not so absent as appeared. From the inner recesses, he shot the pebble into the hand of the almond corner of his eye and identified Willie.

Hop came with the rock to court and also a couple of witnesses to the circumstance and Willie was sent to the penitentiary for thirty days.

Charles Wright and Guy Stewart, charged with the same offense, went to the chain-gang for thirty days.

Patrick Collitz, charged with being drunk and begging in the street, was fined \$5.00, and in default was given 15 days labor. An Irishman being sent to the chain-gang for thirty days.

There was more than the namesake of the patron saint could stand, and he celebrated it by roasting "the peleece."

SUFFERED FOR ANOTHER.

Eliza Fife (colored), answered for her son, who was reported for jumping on a car, and a Chesapeake and Ohio train while in motion, and notwithstanding her protest that she "want thar and didn't have nuthin' to do wid it," she had to pay the one dollar fine.

William Christian (colored) answered the serious charge of betraying Mary E. Carterle, a colored girl, to the police, and was accompanied by Rev. Archer Ferguson (colored) with a marriage certificate, paid costs and retired in good order.

Joe Harris (colored) came forward, charged with being drunk on the street, and went to the penitentiary for 10 days.

Mickey O'Bryant and John Murry were charged with cursing and abusing Susie Martin. The charge was not sustained and they were dismissed.

Eugene Warriner (colored), a negro whose penchant for fingering other people's goods has kept him much of his time in jail, was sent to the colored reformatory for eighteen months.

Rules were as thick as leaves in Valhalla in the Court of Justice yesterday. Dozens of persons reported for failing to pay their business licenses, failed to answer and the above-named process was issued against them, causing the Great Dispenser to marvel greatly that the good citizens of his bailiwick were so remiss.

MEWS OF FULTON.

Services at the Churches—Personal and General.

"A Great Charge Against A Preacher" will be the subject of Rev. J. T. Routten's sermon at the Denny-Street Methodist Episcopal Church to-day at 11 A. M.

Rev. J. Powell Garland, D. D., presiding elder of the Richmond District, will preach at 7:45 P. M.

The pulpit of Fulton Baptist Church will be occupied on both occasions by its pastor, Rev. B. Cabell Hening. At 11 A. M. his subject will be "Buying What Is Not for Sale." At 7:45 P. M. he will continue his series of Sunday-night sermons "On what Baptists believe," which will be subject for to-morrow night will be "Believers, and Believers Only, Should be Baptized."

Miss Annie Bagby, who has been quite sick at the residence of Rev. B. Cabell Hening, is able to be out again.

Mrs. D. J. E. is visiting friends and relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. Walter Bottom is still sick, at his residence, 3312, Williamsburg Avenue.

Douglas, the youngest son of Mr. B. J. Sutton, who has been confined to his bed for the past year, was operated on at the hospital, and is now recovering.

Which was left deformed from an attack of fever in his infancy.

Miss Mary Meredith, of Glaze, Va., is visiting her brother Samuel, on Williamsburg Avenue.

Mr. Rawlett, who has been quite sick at his residence, on Louisiana street for several weeks, is able to be out again.

Miss Julia Markum is quite sick at her residence, 614 Denny Street.

Captain Frank Thompson is slightly indisposed at his residence, 508 Nicholson Street.

Mr. W. H. Williams, of 208 Nicholson Street, met with a very painful accident on last Wednesday about 4 o'clock. Mr. Williams is employed as a sawyer in the saw-room of the Richmond Cedar Works, and was engaged at the time of the accident in sawing a block about fourteen inches in length, when in some manner the block slipped and his hand was caught between the saw and the block, cutting off two of his fingers entirely, and a good portion of his other two fingers.

Dr. Hoge, the physician of the Cedar Works, was at once summoned and dressed his hand, and found that at least another finger would be amputated. This is the third accident that has happened to Mr. Williams in the last year.

About a year ago Mr. Charles Woodson, a well-known and popular young business man of Fulton began to decline in health, and with the hope for restoration, he went for Colorado. Glad tidings have since been received by his friends. A letter received this week by his father gives an interesting account of his experience in the far-off land, and states that his health is fine, having gained over fifty pounds since he left his former home.

The Builders' League of Denny-Street Methodist Episcopal Church will meet at the residence of Mrs. Lizette Leonard, No. 700 Louisiana Street, on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Marcellus Eacho left last week for Newport News to engage in business.

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